

September 12, 2019

**VIA ECF**

The Honorable Paula Xinis  
United States District Court  
District of Maryland  
6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 400  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

**Re: *Islamic Education Center of Maryland, Inc. v. Alavi Foundation,*  
No. 17-cv-03495**

Dear Judge Xinis:

The Alavi Foundation, in consultation with the Islamic Education Center of Maryland, wishes to update the Court on the current position of these parties. The Alavi Foundation and Islamic Education Center of Maryland respectfully request that this Court continue the stay in this matter pending final resolution of the forfeiture action that we expect will soon be remanded from the Second Circuit to the Southern District of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

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